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FIRST VESSEL OF PACIFIC OCEANIC PROGRAM SAILS

The motor vessel US FWS Henry O'Malley left San Diego on October 6 for Honolulu where it will undertake explorations for tuna, the Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior reported today.

The Henry O'Malley is the first of three fishery research and exploratory fishing vessels to be completed for the Service's Pacific Oceanic Fishery investigation. A former Navy vessel of the YP 600 class, the Henry O'Malley will be primarily concerned with experimental fishing for tuna on a commercial scale in the tropical and sub-tropical seas between Hawaii and the Palaus — as authorized by the 80th Congress.

Conversion of a second vessel, also of the YP 600 class, will be completed in Tacoma, Washington, in November. This vessel, the US FWS Hugh M. Smith, will sail for Honolulu and will be used primarily for biological and oceanographic research.

The US FWS John R. Manning, which is being constructed as a purse seiner, will join the fleet of vessels being operated by the Service at Honolulu. She will sail sometime early in 1950.

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